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	USF		Jesuit		Carnegie Peers		NSSE 2006	
	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR	FY	SR
Response Rate[a]								
Overall	30%		40%		32%		35%	
By class	28%	32%	42%	39%	32%	32%	33%	36%
NSSE sample size[b]	1,160	1,276	8,979	8,594	76,922	72,141	391,798	359,411
Sampling Error[c]								
Overall	3.1%		0.9%		0.4%		0.2%	
By class	4.6%	4.1%	1.2%	1.3%	0.6%	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%
Number of respondents[b]	325	408	3,769	3,333	24,322	23,266	130,924	128,325
Total population	1,160	1,507	9,544	9,041	104,464	93,433	590,201	551,114
Student Characteristics[d]								
Mode of Completion								
Paper	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	3%	4%	7%
Web	99%	99%	100%	100%	98%	97%	96%	93%
Class Level[e]	44%	56%	53%	47%	51%	49%	51%	49%
Enrollment Status[e]								
Full-time	100%	97%	98%	92%	97%	88%	95%	86%
Less than full-time	0%	3%	2%	8%	3%	12%	5%	14%
Gender[e]								
Female	78%	66%	66%	65%	64%	64%	64%	64%
Male	22%	34%	34%	35%	36%	36%	36%	36%
Race/Ethnicity								
Am. Indian/Native American	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Asian/Asian Am./Pacific Isl.	30%	25%	9%	8%	4%	4%	5%	4%
Black/African American	5%	6%	4%	4%	8%	7%	6%	6%
White (non-Hispanic)	41%	39%	71%	70%	75%	75%	74%	74%
Mexican/Mexican American	6%	6%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Puerto Rican	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	3%	8%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Multiracial	7%	7%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Other	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
I prefer not to respond	6%	7%	7%	8%	6%	6%	6%	7%
International Student	10%	8%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%
Place of Residence								
On-campus	85%	9%	86%	25%	77%	15%	71%	20%
Off-campus	15%	91%	14%	75%	23%	85%	29%	80%
Transfer Status								
Transfer students	4%	54%	4%	25%	9%	40%	9%	39%
Age								
Non-traditional (24 or older)	0%	39%	2%	14%	4%	27%	6%	31%
Traditional (less than 24)	100%	61%	98%	86%	96%	73%	94%	69%

[a] Response rate (number of respondents divided by sample size) is adjusted for non-deliverable mailing addresses, students for whom contact information was not available, and other students who were sampled yet unavailable during the survey administration.

[b] This report is based on information from all randomly selected students for both your institution and your comparison institutions. Targeted and locally administered oversamples (i.e., non-randomly selected students) are not included in this report.

[c] Sampling error is an estimate of the margin by which the *true* score for your institution on a given item could differ from the reported score. To interpret the sampling error, assume that 60% of your students reply "very often" to a particular item. If the sampling error is +/-5%, then the true population value is most likely between 55% and 65%.

[d] Percent of total respondents within each category. These results are *not* weighted.

[e] Institution-reported data. This information was used to weight your Mean Comparisons, Frequency Distributions, and Benchmark Comparisons reports.